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## SLV Today

ASU Engineering open house on Monday

**ALAMOSA** — The Adams State University/CSU Engineering Manufacturing Education Center located in Porter Hall on the Alamosa Campus of ASU, will hold an open house on Monday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The event will include tours and demonstrations throughout the day. Mechanical engineering students and staff will be available to share their knowledge of the program and instruments and Adams State Mechanical Engineer Director Matt Nehring, Ph.D., and Colorado State University Engineering Department Director Christian Puttlitz, Ph.D., will also be available for questions about the program.

## Conejos County Courthouse offices closing 4 p.m. to public

**CONEJOS COUNTY** — All Conejos County Courthouse offices will be closing to the public starting April 3. Front doors will be locked at 4 p.m. Offices included are Clerk and Recorder, Treasurers, Assessors, Land Use, Road and Bridge Admin and the Commissioners Admin office. Staff will remain in the offices until 4:30 p.m. and will take calls. The closure does not include the Department of Social Services.

## No vaccine clinic at ACPHD on April 2 due to training

**ALAMOSA COUNTY** — There will be no walk-in vaccine clinic at Alamosa County Public Health on Tuesday afternoon, April 2, as staff will be at a training. Vaccine appointments can be accommodated on other weekdays if needed. Call Alamosa County Public Health Department at 5719-89-6639, for more information.

## SLV WEATHER

Sunny, High Winds 60/32

Sun: Slight Chance of Showers, High Winds 55/27

Mon: Chance of Snow, Breezy 48/24

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# Spring bird walks organized by Friends of SLV National Wildlife Refuges

**CONTRIBUTED**  
**SAN LUIS VALLEY** — Each spring, many birds come to the San Luis Valley and spend the summer nesting here to raise their brood. Members of the Friends of the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges have organized a schedule of spring bird walks.

They are open to the public and free. No need

to sign up. Simply come to the designated place on the designated day arriving by 8 a.m. ready to hike. Dress for the weather and wear suitable footwear. Hats are helpful. Bring binoculars, a camera, water and snacks, and sun and insect protection. All walks will end about noon.

• April 20 — Spring

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Blue-gray Gnatcatcher



Great Blue Heron

Photos by Evert Brown



Courier photo by John Waters

**Alamosa High School students Mimi Nguyen and Gavin Chisholm (left) are with art teacher John Dodds, and visiting artist Carlos Fresquez who are overseeing a student mural that has the theme and vision of hope. The artwork will soon be displayed in the school library.**

## Art is the highest form of hope at Alamosa High School

By **JOHN WATERS**  
*Courier News Editor*

**ALAMOSA** — On a recent visit to the art studio at Alamosa High School (AHS), about six students were busy at work creating a mural that is their expression of hope.

Under the direction of AHS art teacher John Dodds, and visiting artist Carlos Fresquez, students were painting a large mural that will soon be installed in the school library. With strokes of their paintbrush, the mural includes a large moose, mountains, trees, flowers, birds, a flying saucer, and even a Sasquatch.

Dodds said about a dozen students have spent a week on the project, and he was thrilled that the school has hired a substitute teacher so he can spend entire days working with the mural artists.

Dodds said, "The concept is hope, and what does hope look like to the students, we want students to come up with the idea, the plan, and also execute it. I'm here as a coach and a guide and Mr. Fresquez is teaching them color theory, texture, and layout."

Fresquez, who recently retired from teaching at Metropolitan State University in

Denver, described himself as, "a visual artist, murals, sculpture, print making." He said he was contacted by the Caring for Colorado Foundation to oversee two school mural projects, one in Holyoke and one in Alamosa. After 32 years of teaching art, he said, "I've been making art all my life, and this is the perfect time to just share and enjoy this."

German artist Gerhard Richter is known for his statement, "Art is the highest form of hope," and the student artists at AHS who are creating the mural are expressing that sentiment.

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## South Fork Police Department receives two Kevlar vests from Shield 616

By **LYNDSIE FERRELL**  
**SOUTH FORK** — On the evening of March 19, residents in South Fork gathered at the South Fork community building to show their support for local law enforcement and to participate in a presentation conducted by Shield616.

Founder Jake Skifstad recounted his first-hand experience as a member of the SWAT team that responded to both the 2007 church shooting and the 2015 Planned Parenthood shooting in Colorado Springs, highlighting the need for proper equipment for all first responders.

South Fork's Chief of Police

OJ Pierce partnered with the organization to receive two vests fully funded by Don Burwell of True Grit Excavating in South Fork.

Shield616 began in 2015 with the hopes of providing support and equipment to Colorado law enforcement and have helped several communities afford tactical equipment over the past 9 years. Through the generosity of local sponsors such as Burwell, law enforcement organizations like South Fork's have and can benefit from the program.

The program is based on serving law enforcement officials in rural communities and through

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Courtesy photo

Shield616 visited South Fork on March 19 to present the South Fork Police Department with two Kevlar vests.



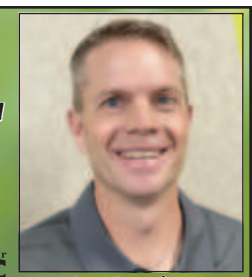
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# Record

## OBITUARIES

### Tanya Lynn Allen



"out and about," whether that meant shopping, eating at new restaurants, or pampering herself.

Having an adventurous personality, Tanya loved to travel. Due to her success in real estate, Tanya spent the last three years traveling the world with her daughter and mom. She was known to book a flight every two to three months. One of Tanya's most cherished activities was spending time and making memories with her daughter Laci. She cherished every moment, often taking videos and pictures of her loved ones, her surroundings, and "the view." She lived for sunsets, sunrises, and found great peace in the mountains, rivers, and oceans.

Tanya was an avid sports fan, her loyalty lying with the Denver Broncos. She enjoyed the atmosphere of the stadium, attending numerous games with her sister Penni. She was also one of the biggest cheerleaders for her nephews. Whether in a gym, ice rink, showing, or watching online, she was there to support and cheer them on. She showed pride in her family's success, including her brother Kyle's family-owned business, Woody's Q Shack. She attended many BBQ competitions, cheering him on as well.

Tanya was strong in her faith. Despite the hardships experienced

throughout her life, she gave all glory to God and put her trust in Him. Through highs and lows, she instilled these beliefs in her daughter Laci and always led by example. Her strength, drive, and resilience were always admired by surrounding friends and family.

Tanya is survived by her mother Melanie Woodward of Alamosa, Colo.; her daughter Laci Tecklenburg of Pueblo, Colo.; her siblings Kyle (Michelle) Woodward of Alamosa, Colo.; and Penni (Greg) Shalberg of Sheridan Lake, Colo.; her nephews: Kyler Shalberg, Kase Shalberg, Dyson Woodward, and Keenan Woodward; the father of her daughter Dustin Tecklenburg of Olney Springs, Colo.; her favorite Labrador dogs Decker and Brady; her favorite goldendoodle "granddog" Nolan, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father Jeffrey Woodward; her grandparents Frankie and Raymond Glynn, and Edith and Clyde Woodward, and her aunt Nancy Bogner.

Cremation was chosen and a Celebration of Life will be held 11 a.m. Friday, April 5, 2024, at the Living Water Bible Fellowship Church, 2910 Clark St., Alamosa, Colo. Tanya was faithful to attend events and donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. To honor her, contributions may be made here St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online words of comfort, remembrances, or condolences for Tanya's family, please visit [www.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com).

### Edwina Brady



that brought the community together.

Edwina's home was a hub of warmth and storytelling, always open to the neighborhood children who delighted in her tales and her company. Her dedication to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was evident through her many callings, including that of a Sunday School teacher and Scout Leader, roles in which she guided and inspired with a gentle hand.

She is survived by her loving children, Steve (Trenna) Brady of Monte Vista, Maxine (Rick) Rodriguez of Manassa, and Richard (Shauna) Brady of McKinney, Texas; daughter-in-law Sherry Brady of Marina, Calif.; stepchildren Brent (Glen-da) Brady, Kirtland, New Mexico, Sharri Headrick, Bloomfield, N.M., and a legacy of 19 grandchildren, over 30 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, with two more on the way. Edwina's sisters, Emma Rae Shawcroft and Elaine Leech, both of La Jara, and Annette Smith of Pleasant Grove, Utah,

along with numerous nieces, nephews. Extended family, and friends, will fondly remember her loving and friendly spirit.

Edwina was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Max Brady, whom she married on Dec. 29, 1958, at her family ranch near La Jara, and were sealed for all time and eternity in the Salt Lake Temple. Also, by her son Doug Brady, her grandchild Larry Deb Vernon, her great-grandchild Danny J. Brady; her great-great grandchildren Braylynn Ava Brady, and Cleatus Cole Robins; as well as her brothers-in-law Jack Smith, and Reed Leech.

A Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at the Rogers Family Mortuary in Manassa, and from 10-10:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 3, 2024, followed by a Funeral Service at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 3, at the Manassa Stake Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Interment will follow services in the Manassa-Romeo Cemetery.

Contributions in Edwina's memory are suggested to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints General Missionary Fund, c/o Rogers Family Mortuary, 205 State Ave., Alamosa, CO 81101.

Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online words of comfort, and remembrances, please visit [www.RogersFunerals.com](http://www.RogersFunerals.com).

### Jerry Chacon



Jerry Chacon, 73, of Berthoud, Colo., passed away on March 14, 2024. He was born on March 26, 1950, in Alamosa, Colo.

Jerry retired from Anheuser-Busch after 30 years of service. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and cherished member of the community.

Jerry's loves were the mountains, fishing, hiking, and all sports.

He is survived by his

wife, Pamela, daughters, Amy Moody (Ross) and Amanda Jordan, granddaughters, Ellie and Kiana, grandson, Jacob, four sisters and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Planet Bluegrass in Lyons, Colo., 500 W. Main St., on May 19, 2024, from 2-4 p.m.

Complete obituary is on [legacy.com](http://legacy.com).

### Manuel De Herrera



We only know death once it has placed its hand on someone you love.

Death has placed its hand on a wonderful man, Manuel De Herrera. He made life worth living every day. He passed away on March 12, 2024, after a brief illness. Born on Nov. 8, 1930, at home in Antonito, Colo.

He made his home in the

San Luis Valley until he was called to service in

the Korean War (1952-54). He came home safe, along with many medals.

After returning home he embarked on many adventures and jobs until he retired from USWEST phone company in 1992. From there he moved back to the Valley.

He is succeeded in death by his wife, four daughters, one son, one brother, grandchildren and many great grandchildren and many friends and acquaintances.

He will be missed and remembered always.

### Randy Vernel Cunningham Shelley



Also known as Randy Jacob Shelley. Randy was the son of Rocky Lee Cunningham and Wendy Ann Loblado, born on July 22, 1985, in Portland, Multnomah, Ore., and passed from this life on March 20, 2024, in Parkview Hospital, in Pueblo, Colo. He had one brother, Jacob Lee Cunningham.

When his mother and father separated, Randy went to live with his mother. He lived a number of places but in about 2001, he was adopted by Randy and Jeina Shelley of Elko, Nev.

After graduating from high school there, he ventured out on his own. He lived and worked in

numerous places including Alaska, Louisiana, Idaho, etc. As a young adult, he returned and lived in Alamosa, Colo., for a short time, and came back here periodically.

His father, Rocky Cun-

ningham, precedes him in death.

He is survived by his mother, his brother, his adoptive parents, two aunts, Dottie Jo Ferguson and Elva Cunningham, one uncle, Kenneth Ricky Cunningham, adopted siblings and maternal half-siblings that were important to him, along with many friends and extended family.

Randy was a strong man with a tender heart. He took pride in his ability to take on challenging jobs with great success. He strived to be independent.

We will miss his can-do attitude and his love. We feel blessed to have had Randy in our lives.

## Del Norte HS students compete in Colorado Envirothon Competition

CONTRIBUTED

DEL NORTE — Eleven Del Norte High School students competed in the Colorado Envirothon Competition on March 4-5 at the Colorado State University Spur Campus in Denver. Of the 13 teams in attendance, Del Norte High School was represented by three teams with Team 1 taking home second place.

During the competition, student teams were tasked with developing solutions for a real-world scenario about renewable energy in Boulder.

Students were given three hours to research the scenario and prepare a 15-minute oral presentation to showcase their solutions and how they would affect natural resources and social and cultural considerations.

Following the presentation portion of the competition, student teams rotated through tests on aquatic ecology, forestry, soils and land use, wildlife, and renewable energy to demonstrate their knowledge of each area.

The Del Norte High School teams attended workshops with local experts throughout the fall and winter to prepare for the competition. The hands-on learning workshops were coordinated and facilitated by the Rio Grande Watershed Conservation and Education Initiative (RGWCEI) and included presentations from the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS), United States Forest Service (USFS), Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW), and the 4UR Ranch. Envi-



Courtesy photo of Del Norte High School students who competed in the Colorado Envirothon Competition on March 4-5 in Denver and Team 1 finished in second place. DNHS students pictured from left to right, are Kathleen Bell, Kaitlyn Kaufman-Brigham, Autumn Becenti, Keith Pierce, Piper Cavaletto, Corbin Horrocks and Nikki Horrocks.

rothon teams from the San Luis Valley are often sponsored by their local conservation district to attend the state competition.

"Thank you to the Rio Grande Conservation District for sponsoring the three Del Norte teams," school officials stated.

Envirothon is the largest international high school environmental education competition. Students incorporate STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) principles with hands-on learning and field experiences that foster student learning in aquatic ecology, forestry, soils and land use, wildlife, and a current environmental issue that changes each year.

Students are challenged to develop critical thinking skills to create inventive solutions to complex local and global environmental and natural resource issues and are equipped with the knowledge and skills to educate others, inspire action in their local communities, and promote a lifelong commitment to environmental steward-

ship and sustainability.

If your school is interested in starting an Envirothon team, reach out to Hannah Thill at 719-315-1214, [hannah@rgwcei.org](mailto:hannah@rgwcei.org) or Mattea Freel at 719-754-3400 ext. 3022, [centercd1@gmail.com](mailto:centercd1@gmail.com), [riograndeced@gmail.com](mailto:riograndeced@gmail.com).

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# Valley News

## Colorado Water Conservation Board issues scholarship

**CONTRIBUTED**  
**DENVER** — The Colorado Water Conservation Board recently announced that a \$2,000 one-year scholarship is available for a Colorado high school student, or a Colorado college freshman interested in western water issues and planning to attend a public college or university in Colorado.

Diane Hoppe served in the Colorado House of Representatives from 1999-2006 and was the chairwoman of the House Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources Committee, the Water Interim Committee, and the Water Resources Review Committee. She also served as the minority whip.

Hoppe was a founding member of the Colorado Foundation for Water Education and served as president from 2002-07.

Governor John Hickenlooper appointed Hoppe to the Colorado Water Conservation Board as the South Platte Basin representative in 2012. She was elected chairwoman of the board in 2015. She passed away on Feb. 27, 2016. Her family worked with the Colorado Water Conservation Board to establish this scholarship in her honor.

The application form is available at <https://dnrwebblink.state.co.us/CWCB/0/edoc/221308/HoppeScholarshipApplication.pdf>.



Courier photo by John Waters

Colorado high school and college students interested in water issues can apply for a \$2,000 scholarship from the Colorado Water Conservation Board.



Courier photo by John Waters

An early sketch of a mural Alamosa High School students are working on that expresses hope that will soon be on display in the school library.

## Hope

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 ...enthusiasm and excitement.

Trinity Rivera, a junior who is working on the mural, said, "I feel that being out in nature represents that hope is all around us and that hope grows from within you."

Student-artist Mimi Nguyen said, "I see this as a symbol of peace, there are a lot of things happening in the mural, especially with the birds. Doves are a symbol of hope. I want people to look at this and feel more peaceful. When I look at nature, I think of peace."

Also included in the

mural are a few paranormal touches.

"In the San Luis Valley and New Mexico, there are supposed alien sightings, and Bigfoot sightings that people believe in. Although it doesn't represent hope, I thought I might as well include those in the mural as they represent the Valley in a way," said student artist Gavin Chisholm.

Pointing to a chalk mark on the unfinished mural, Chisholm added, "That is where I'm going to put the first bigfoot."

Commenting on hope being expressed in the mural, he added, "I feel that the moose is our school mascot and represents hope and who all of us are here. The bird

in the sun is shining and this shows and expresses all of the things that are shining upon us."

"I wanted to include our school mascot, a moose and I wanted to capture our Valley, so I included the Rocky Mountains, some evergreens and I want light to illuminate some of the details of the mural, the sun's rays," said student-artist Angel Quintana.

The Valley Courier will check back with Dodds for news on more of the exciting art projects he and his students are working on.

To learn more about visiting artist Carlos Fresquez, visit his website at [www.carlosfresquez.com](http://www.carlosfresquez.com).

## Vests

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donations, makes expensive equipment like Kevlar vests affordable. Each vest costs about \$1,400 to purchase through the program and is equipped with everything a field officer would need.

According to the program description, Shield616 was formed with the street cop in mind. The goal of the program is to not only provide the safety equipment needed, but to also offer a resource of support for those that need it after an incident occurs. The program was

formed by Skifstad who was involved in an active-shooter situation in 2007 in Colorado Springs and again in 2015. It was after these incidents that Skifstad began to look to community organizations for support and donations to provide this equipment to rural communities that may not have the budgets necessary to afford the expensive equipment.

The vision of the program is to rally the community together to show support for local law enforcement and to help sponsor officers who need the active-shooter gear. A lot of the equipment used in these communities is what is known as soft

armor and does not adequately protect the officers from some of the artillery used today. After several years, the Shield 616 program was created to help those communities provide for their local law enforcement by supplying equipment that could withstand higher velocity rounds.

"I would like to thank Jake with Shield616, Don Burwell and the community of South Fork. The support our officers of the South Fork Police Department were shown tonight means the world to us," said South Fork Police Chief Pierce.

Pierce hopes to purchase more vests as additional officers are hired.

## Public Health Week starts April 1 in Rio Grande County

**By LYNDIE FERRELL**  
**RIO GRANDE COUNTY** — For the past 29 years, public health departments across the U.S. have celebrated a week of public health awareness and events and through those initiatives have reached out to their communities, bringing education, wellness and community involvement to the forefront.

Rio Grande County Public Health Department is excited to kick off the 2024 Public Health Week and plans to invite the community to join them in community activities that shine a light on the public health facet of the community. Rio Grande County is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year, and public health has a lot to celebrate too. From new programs such as the International Travel Clinic to established programs that continue to educate communities here in the San Luis Valley and beyond.

In 2022, Rio Grande County passed a proclamation designating the first full week in April as National Public Health Week to shine a light on the communities of Rio Grande County and on the work and dedication the public health department puts into the communities they serve throughout the year.

The proclamation states, "Since 1995, the American

Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public's health; and U.S. life expectancy dropped from 2014 to 2017 in the longest sustained decline since the Great Recession and only in 2018 began to increase again; U.S life expectancy then dropped again in 2020 by a full year, which is the largest drop in life expectancy since 1943."

According to the American Public Health Association, this year the focus will be on equality and inclusion.

"This year we are 'Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health' to ensure everyone, in all cultural communities, has a chance at a long and healthy life. To do so, we must address and prevent the underlying causes of poor health and disease risk. We can use social determinants of health to understand how those causes are different for each person based on various factors like race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and financial situation."

To celebrate the unique and diverse communities in Rio Grande County the Public Health Department is inviting the public to join



Photo by Lyndie Ferrell

Commissioner Gene Glover tries his hand (and feet) to create the perfect smoothie during Public Health Week in April of 2023. The smoothie bike as well as other community-oriented activities are scheduled for the first week of April as Rio Grande County Public Health Department celebrates 2024 Public Health Week.

them daily beginning April 1 at the Rio Grande County Annex building where they can come meet the staff, learn about the many programs offered through the department and to enjoy food while celebrating 150 years of Rio Grande County.

For a full schedule of events and activities, visit <https://riograndecounty.colorado.gov/departments/public-health>.

## Birds

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Migration Meet at refuge headquarters, Alamosa Refuge

• April 27 — Spring Migration Meet at parking lot of Malm Trail in Alamosa

• May 11 — Spring Migration Meet at parking lot of Malm Trail in Alamosa

• May 18 — Spring Migration Meet at Monte Vista Refuge Visitor Center parking lot

• June 29 — Nesting season Meet at parking lot of Malm Trail in Alamosa

• July 13 — Water birds Meet at Monte Vista Refuge Visitor Center parking lot

Directions

• Monte Vista Refuge Visitor Center. From

Monte Vista, drive south on State Highway 15 for 6 miles to the refuge's entrance. Turn east into the refuge.

• Alamosa Refuge Headquarters. From the junction of Highways 17 and 160, drive east on Highway 160 for about 3 miles to El Rancho Lane. Turn right (south) on El Rancho and drive south, over the railroad tracks. The refuge headquarters is on the left (east) just inside the main gate.

• Malm Trail parking lot. In Alamosa, follow 12th Street east to the Alamosa Recycling Center. Then drive about 1,000 feet on South River Road watching for a turnoff to the left into a parking lot. The street number is 8210 S. River Road, Ala-

mosa.

Walk leaders  
 • Tim Armstrong — Retired Adams State University Biologist.

• Suzanne Beauchaine — Manager of the Alamosa and Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuges.

• Mike Blenden — Retired Project Leader of the San Luis Valley National Wildlife Refuges.

• Evert Brown — Retired University of Wyoming/Casper College Biology Professor, Bald Eagle Watch.

• Lisa Clements — Project leader for the Monte Vista Winter Bird Count.

• John Rawinski — San Luis Valley "go to" guy for answers to bird questions.

For more information, call Evert Brown at 307-315-8003.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## March/April

SUNDAY • 31	MONDAY • 1	TUESDAY • 2	WEDNESDAY • 3	THURSDAY • 4	FRIDAY • 5	SATURDAY • 6
<p><a href="http://www.adams.edu">www.adams.edu</a></p>	<p><b>Engineering Manufacturing Education Center Open House:</b>                      11 a.m. until 6 p.m.                      Porter Hall                      Free &amp; Open to Public                      Refreshments and Demonstrations</p>	<p><b>Kindred Spirits:</b>  <i>Building a Community of CARE for Student Success</i> 12 p.m. SUB Banquet Room</p>	<p><b>Fall Registration Begins</b></p> <p>Lacrosse vs Concordia University Irvine 3 p.m. Lacrosse Field</p> <p><b>Zacheis Planetarium Free Movies:</b>                      5:30 p.m. <i>Escher's Universe</i> and <i>Hubble Vision 2</i></p>	<p><b>Student Scholar Days:</b>                      All Day McDaniel Hall</p> <p><b>Zacheis Planetarium Free Movies:</b>                      5:30 p.m. <i>The Sun: Our Living Star</i> and <i>Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity</i></p> <p><b>Free Faculty Lecture:</b>  <i>Do You Have Free Will? How Sure Are You?</i>                      Michael Liebhaber, Ph.D., 6 p.m. McDaniel Hall 101</p>	<p><b>Student Scholar Days:</b>                      All Day McDaniel Hall</p> <p><b>ASAP: Kayak Pool Session</b> 5:45 p.m. Rex Activity Center</p>	<p><b>CASA Center After Hours:</b>                      Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Games Yoga Dancing Cooking</p>
<p><b>Through April 2, 2024</b></p> <p><b>Cloyde Snook Gallery:</b> <i>hum/swell - a meditative multimedia journey</i>                      Lares Feliciano and Bothe Kretsinger</p> <p><b>Hatfield Gallery:</b> <i>Bizarre Faculty &amp; Students</i></p> <p><b>Gallery Hours:</b> 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday</p>						

# Opinion

## Dr. Still makes walking a treat

I met the new podiatrist at the Professional Office (behind Subway in Alamosa) recently. When I called for an appointment, the receptionist said, "The new foot doctor's name is Steel."

I didn't think I heard correctly, "What is his name?" "Steel," she said again.

A couple weeks later I came in for my appointment. Leaning over the raised shelf of the check-in desk, I asked, "What is the doctor's name?"

I heard yet again, "Dr. Steel."

Then I requested that it be spelled out for me. She responded: "S-T-I-L-L." Surprised, I said, "Oh, I thought it was Steel, not Still. So, his name is still like 'stand still.'"

A few minutes later, his nurse Tamara called for me, so I followed her. As she directed me, she asked how I was doing today. Like always, I said, "Oh, I'm hanging in there. And how are you doing?"

Then as she began checking my meds and previous chart entries, she asked, "So, the reason for your visit is?"

"My primary doctor referred me for in grown toenails, and bunion," I explained.

Of course, as I spoke, my stomach started curling and knocking at the ceiling of the esophagus. I'm really adverse to pain, I thought to myself; but I smiled and asked if they were busy today.

She continued to pull instruments

### Movin' On with Nellie



Nelda Curtiss



out of small drawers. Dr. Still needed them for the procedure to numb and remove the ingrown toenail. As she was arranging sterile scissors, I said, "You and Dr. Still work well together. You're a good team."

She smiled and thanked me.

Soon, Dr. Gregory Still entered the room. "Hello, sorry for the wait," he said, and his hand shake and smile soothed my nerves. He was easy to talk to and he let me know how much he was enjoying getting to see the San Luis Valley. He said, "It's beautiful place to live with the mountains, snow, and hiking trails. The people are really welcoming, too." He mentioned that there were a few people who looked for UFOs and I pointed out the UFO Tower on Highway 17. He also said that he had been exploring some historic areas with the invitations of locals.

Turning to my specimen of a foot, he used a freezing spray on my big toe before he inserted a numbing shot so that he could operate without causing pain. "Nelda, tell me if you feel anything." I never felt a thing. The spray was a little tingly but no pain that made me yell out. He wrapped and bandaged the toe in a neon pink. After gathering my hat, Tamara walked with me to my car. She was so kind and steadied me as I got into the little Chevy.

It's a small miracle not to have that throbbing ingrown toenail anymore. It's almost missed. NOT!

So, readers, I recommend Dr. Still and his office for anyone whose toes hurt like heck and make walking more torture than treat.

*Nelda Curtiss is a retired college educator and long-time local columnist.*

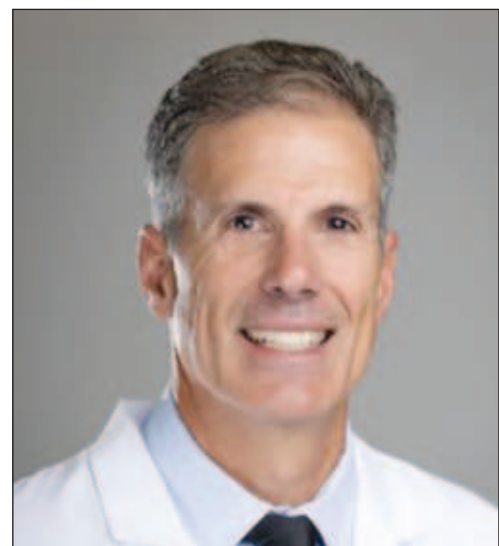
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## The problem with secret weapons

By DAVID M. SHRIBMAN

Down in the polls, facing calls from his own party to step away from the 2024 presidential campaign, and struggling to keep his party together on the Israel-Hamas war, Joe Biden nonetheless may possess a secret weapon. It's the Republicans.

On the surface, the GOP could not be better placed for the fall election. Their rival is 81 years old. The public isn't buying the Biden administration argument that the economy is roaring. Their presumptive nominee actually has been helped, not hindered, by unprecedented post-presidential legal problems. To adapt a phrase from the Democrats' history, the Republicans' happy days should be here again.

But, to recast a phrase from that song, which introduced Franklin Delano Roosevelt at the 1932 Democratic National Convention, the Republicans aren't singing a song of cheer again. In fact, they can't get together long enough to sing in one voice that, once they regain the Senate and the White House, "Your cares and troubles are gone/There'll be no more from now on!"

Instead, their cares and troubles are multiplying. That's what happens when a fractious party turns a legislative triumph into political upheaval — and when resignations transform a 222-213 majority into a dangerous situation where the GOP can afford only one defection in any floor vote.

Moments after the Republican-controlled House approved legislation to avert a government shutdown, the knives were out. GOP rebels denounced the legislation and Speaker Mike Johnson. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia filed a "motion to vacate" the office of the speaker, prompting fresh worries that the GOP, which has had two speakers in the past several months, might soon dethrone Johnson, presumably on the conviction that the Louisianan, who opposes gay marriage and abortion rights, isn't

sufficiently conservative.

It is enough to get The Wall Street Journal, no liberal lodestar, to ask, "So what's wrong with Johnson now? Apparently because he's not willing to indulge kamikaze acts like shutting down the government, Johnson is a sellout too."

The kamikaze act Greene contemplates grows out of the view that Johnson shouldn't have allowed the spending bill averting a government shutdown to move to the floor. The critiques: The measure defied the unwritten GOP custom that only bills that are supported by a majority of the Republican conference should advance to a vote. Any bill attracting the support of a majority of the Democrats is the political equivalent of a hip-drop tackle. This is a time for confrontation, not cooperation. So what if the government is shut down? The counterargument, which Johnson employed: The Republicans cannot become the natural party of American governance if they can't govern, or at least let the government go about its normal business. "There's a difference between being in the majority and being in the minority," Rep. Mike Kelly of Pennsylvania, one of the 101 Republicans who voted for the spending measure, said in an interview. "In the majority, you have to govern. You can't just sit back and criticize. There comes a time when you're in the majority when you have to do the responsible thing, not go on TV and criticize and raise an enormous amount of money for your campaign, which is what some of these people are doing." The rebellion on the right isn't over. Most of the Republican rebels oppose more aid to Ukraine. Johnson supports it. The rebels don't want the aid package to go to the floor. The speaker insists on taking it to the floor. That may be the moment when Greene calls for a vote to remove Johnson from office. That also may be the stranger-things-have-happened moment when

the Democrats race to the rescue of Johnson and provide the margin of victory to keep him in power. There would have to be a price for that rescue. The Democrats are discussing that price during the Easter recess. Then there is Donald Trump's apparent intention, if he is returned to the White House, to pardon the insurrectionists who mounted a riot at the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, and sought to overturn the 2020 election. By more than a 3-to-1 margin, Americans disapprove of the actions of those who forced their way into the Capitol, according to a January CBS/YouGov Poll. And yet Trump in recent weeks has added fresh emphasis to his support of the rioters. He's spoken of them as "unbelievable patriots," described them as "hostages," and indicated he would pardon them "the first day we get into office." The Trump conundrum: He must amplify his rhetoric and radicalize his message to solidify his support. "Trump needs to be controversial to get his free media, which could lead him to do even more of what he is inclined to do naturally — say outrageous things," said Bruce Cain, a Stanford political scientist who believes that this circumstance can erode GOP prospects in House and Senate races. "This is something Democrats can use in every Senate and House race, asking Republican candidates what they would do if Trump does that day one. "My guess," he continues, "is that it further erodes educated Republican and Independent support." It already is too much for Lisa Murkowski, a second-generation Alaska senator who won as a write-in candidate in 2010 after being toppled in the GOP primary. She told CNN that she would "absolutely" not support Trump in the fall and said, "I just regret that our party is seemingly becoming a party of Donald Trump." Sen. Susan Collins of Maine endorsed Nikki Haley and all but said she wouldn't endorse Trump if he were nominated.

Eleven months ago, after Trump issued incendiary remarks during a CNN town meeting, Biden gleefully went on Twitter, a tactic he borrowed from Trump. "It's simple, folks," the president wrote on the social media platform now known as X. "Do you want four more years of that? If you don't, pitch in to our campaign."

In recent days, a Morning Consult poll showed Biden making gains on Trump in all but one of the swing states.

For nine years, the Democrats have waited, wondering when and if Trump might finally go too far — and allow them to peel away some of his support. It hasn't happened yet. It may never happen. The problem with secret weapons is that they are not always effective weapons.

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# Religion

## And now, a bible study with country star Oliver Anthony

At this stage in his country music career, Oliver Anthony is still reaching his fans by propping his smartphone in a tour bus window and recording social media videos. Seven months ago, of course, he didn't have a career, didn't have a tour bus and didn't have fans. That was before a do-it-yourself solo recording of his populist anthem, "Rich Men North of Richmond," hit YouTube and, with 128 million clicks at this point, changed his life.

from the 1940s" and the natural echo in the sanctuary.

### On Religion



Terry Mattingly

"You know, I didn't want to come out on tour to just singing a bunch of songs for people and go back home and make money. It was like I wanted to touch people. I wanted

to get into people's heads and just try to make an impact," said Anthony, a high school dropout in rural Virginia who held late-shift jobs in several factories in the North Carolina mountains.

"It's just such a crazy place we're living in now. ... It feels like the people that we elect to give a voice for us, they're the complete opposite. If anything, they silence us and they manipulate us. ... It feels like, in a way, maybe, we've already went off the cliff as a nation."

For many critics, that sounds like red-state political talk, not the words of an everyman who spent years struggling with depression and alcohol.

While Anthony's impact in America has been massive, audiences at recent concerts in Ireland and Australia also belted out "Rich Men North of Richmond" lyrics line for line -- especially the pre-chorus: "It's a damn shame what the world's gotten to / For people like me and people like you / Wish I could just wake up and it not be true / But it is, oh, it is."

In the tour bus video, the singer said his big questions today are about families, children and the future. This past fall, Anthony and his wife, Tiffany, had their third child.

"Life is such a short thing. I'm 31 now. ... If I'm lucky, I'll be dead in 60 years, but probably a lot sooner than that, and you will, too," he said. "What kind of legacy are we leaving behind for the people that come after us? It says in Ecclesiastes that even the generations after us will be forgotten ... by the generations after them. Like, this is just a cycle that we're living in."

The singer didn't need to open his Bible to make

that reference. But the heart of this recent video came from the Gospel of St. Matthew, with Anthony reading from the marked-up study Bible he takes on stage -- sharing Scripture with his audiences.

In this familiar passage, Jesus warns that he is sending his disciples into the world like "sheep among wolves," but promises that God will guide them, even when authorities attack.

"So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell

you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs," Anthony read. "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both the soul and the body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

"Whoever acknowledges me before others, I

will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my ..."

At that point, the smartphone fell out of the bus window, cutting off "... Father in heaven." Anthony retrieved it and signed off with, "I'll talk to you soon. Thanks."

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## Bible Digest

**Saturday, March 30, 2024**

"Your word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against you." (Psalms 119:11 AKJV)  
Here is one of the keys to victory over temptation.

**Sunday, March 31, 2024**

"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." (James 4:10 AKJV)

The way up is down. Humility before God brings His blessing.

**Monday, April 1, 2024**

"Therefore to him that knows to do good, and does it not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17 AKJV)  
Are we doing what we should?

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

"This is the day which the LORD has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalms 118:24 AKJV)  
Every day is a gift from God. Use it wisely.



**Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9 AKJV)

Have you been cleansed? The Lord can do it if we confess and repent of our sin.

**Thursday, April 4, 2024**

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great

noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (2 Peter 3:10 AKJV)

Jesus is coming back. Are you ready? Give your life to Him now before it is too late.

**Friday, April 5, 2024**

"Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path." (Psalms 119:105 AKJV)

You don't have to walk in darkness and confusion. The Bible will set you on the right path.

## Breaking Up with Worry

Worrying is a natural response in many situations, and I've wasted many days getting caught up in it. I thought that was a normal way to live. But through the years, God has helped me end my relationship with worry. And He did it with the help of my husband, Dave.

Every time I have come to him with a problem, Dave has had only one thing to say: "Cast your care." But I didn't always want to hear this when I was feeling frustrated and upset -- but it's exactly what the Bible tells us to do.

First Peter 5:7 says to cast, "all your cares [all your anxieties, all your worries, and all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares about you [with deepest affection, and watches over you very carefully]." (AMP).

In the dictionary, the word cast means "to ditch or to throw." I think that description says a lot because if you're going to end your relationship with worry, then you're going to have to get aggressive about it.

For example, we don't have to accept every thought that comes into our head. We can cast out the wrong ones and let the right ones take root. And I find that my whole outlook changes as I say simple prayers: "God, I believe You're working in my life, and I'm expecting something good to happen today."

I'm not saying we should ignore our problems, wishing they'd just go away. We need to see them for what they are, but we can't let them keep us from choosing a hopeful, positive attitude that says, "I believe God is in control!" I like this saying: "Worry sees the problem. Faith sees the God who can handle the problem."

The question is, do your problems know where they stand in relationship to God in your life?

I'm reminded of the story of Abraham, who at 100 years of age, believed God would give Him a son and make him the father of many nations. He chose to look beyond his circumstances and believe God. I'm

absolutely amazed by that!

The Bible says that God can "do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20). So, no matter what our circumstances look like, we just need to keep our eyes on God.

Typically, when we have a problem, God will do one of two things. He'll either remove the problem or He'll give us the ability to get through it with a positive attitude.

I've found that as I've grown in my relationship with God, I've become more comfortable leaving that choice up to God. Because if He leads me through something I really don't want to go through, then I know for sure He has a purpose in mind.

As a child I experienced years of sexual and emotional abuse, which was absolutely tormenting. The amazing thing is, everything God has done in my life through that horrible situation -- all of the healing and restoration -- has prepared me to do what He's called me to do today. I didn't always understand why things were happening the way they did at the time, but I learned how to walk by faith and trust God's goodness even when my circumstances didn't make sense to me.

It's absolutely wonderful when we can feel completely comfortable not knowing the "why" behind what's happening in our lives.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (AMP) says, "Trust in and rely confidently on the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. In all your ways know and acknowledge and recognize Him, and He will make your paths straight and smooth...."

We don't always have to know what God is going to do or when He's going to do it. All we really need to know is that God has a plan and He is in control. We can rest in the truth that at the right time, God will execute His plan.

In fact, there may be something happening in your life right now that



you just don't understand, and it's causing you to worry. Instead, you can choose to say, "I don't understand this, and it hurts right now, but I believe God is going to work it out."

If you've already wasted a lot of your time worrying, I encourage you to break up with worry. Instead of giving way to anxious emotions, you can do what God has urged me to do all these years: *Cast your care.* In time, God's good plan will be revealed.

Romans 8:28 (AMP) says, "We know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose."

Not everything that happens is good. But it can all work out for if you'll keep loving God and pursuing His will for your life. There's nothing God can't turn around if you'll put your trust in Him!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's four-part teaching resource **How to Attack Anxiety**. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, *Enjoying Everyday Life*, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting [www.joycemeyer.org](http://www.joycemeyer.org).

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Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.  
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11611 2nd Avenue, Hooper  
719-378-2080  
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship  
Sunday, 6 p.m. - Book of Acts Study  
Monday, 7 p.m. - Youth  
Thursday, 7 p.m. - Bible Study  
San Luis Valley Christian Center  
305 S. Broadway (3rd & Broadway), Monte Vista  
719-852-6168  
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship  
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. - Bible Study  
Prayer House Church  
410 Main Street, La Jara  
Pastor Jaime Flores - 719-298-0007  
Sunday Morning Service, 10:30 am  
Wednesday Family Ministry, 6:30 pm  
Friday Night Bible Study, 7:00 pm

**Sargent Community Church**  
6967 N. County Rd. 2 E., Monte Vista (across from Sargent School)  
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Alamosa  
www.backrowchurch.com  
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Worship Service - Wednesday Evening at 5:00 pm

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Alamosa Apostolic Church  
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Meets Sundays 1-2 p.m.  
2-3 p.m. - Lunch  
3-5 p.m. - Worship Service  
Antonito Apostolic Church  
710 Main St., Antonito  
Meets sundays  
11-12 p.m. - Sunday School  
12-1 p.m. - Worship service

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9056 Hwy 285 South, Alamosa - 719-587-3351  
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Sunday, 10:45 am Children's Ministry (PreK-5th grade)  
Sunday, 10:45 am Teen Bible Study (6th-12th grade)  
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Wednesday, 6:30 pm Bible Quizzing (1st-6th grade)  
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Wednesday, 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study\*  
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**San Luis Valley Baptist Church**  
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719-589-5938  
Pastor R.L. McDonald  
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Saturday, 2 p.m.  
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship  
Sunday, 6 p.m. - Evening Worship  
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Sunday, 11 a.m. - Ministry of the Word  
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Sunday, 11:00 am - Service  
Wednesday, 6:30pm - Community Get to Know You  
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2160 Sherman Ave., Monte Vista  
Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Bible Study  
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Worship  
Tuesday, 6 p.m. - C.L.A.Y. Youth  
Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study

**South Fork Baptist Church**  
0130 Four Seasons Dr. (Old Chizum Bldg), South Fork  
Sunday, 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Church Service  
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Bible Study  
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Worship, Prayer and Bible Study  
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518 First St. (First & State) Alamosa  
589-6805  
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Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - Church Service  
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Monday Free Music Classes  
Instrumental Classes 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
Voice & Bass Guitar 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
**Word of Faith Christian Center**  
401 Sante Fe, Alamosa  
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.  
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.  
Friday, 6:00 p.m. M.O.S.H. Youth Night  
**The Peak Community Church**  
510 San Juan, Alamosa  
Sundays, 6 p.m. - Fellowship  
Sundays, 7 p.m. - Worship & More

**Pentecostal**  
Alamosa Pentacostal Church  
184 East 2nd St., Alamosa - 719-589-0475  
Pastor Carl Sutter  
Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday School Sunday 1:00-1:45  
Worship 2:00-3:00  
**Christian Fellowship Church**  
The Door  
1300 West 12th St., Alamosa  
Pastor Martin Montoya • 719-587-6197  
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship  
Sunday, 6:30 p.m. - Victory Service  
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. - Revival

**Christian Independent**  
Alamosa Christian Church  
410 McQuerry, Alamosa  
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship  
Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. - Family Night & Youth Group  
**Christian Reformed**  
Alamosa Christian Reformed, 719-589-3493  
1861 Rd 10 S., Alamosa  
Pastor Philip VanderWindt  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Worship

**Trinity Lutheran Church & School**  
52 El Rio Drive, Alamosa  
Sunday, 8:45 a.m. - Bible Study  
Sunday, 10 a.m. - Worship  
\*Small Bible Study Groups Throughout the Week\*  
-Pre-School through 5th grade  
Church: 589-4611, School: 589-3271  
**Conejos Canyon Community Chapel**  
20062 Slate Hwy. 17 (between mile posts 21 and 20)  
Fellowship Sunday, 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - Worship Service

**Mountain Valley Church**  
408 State St., 17, Alamosa  
Pastor: Richard Pinkerton  
589-2899 or 588-7662  
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
**Presbyterian Church of Monte Vista**  
702 Second Avenue, Monte Vista  
(719) 852-2555  
Sunday, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Sunday Worship

**Seventh-day Adventist**  
**Seventh-day Adventist Church**  
315 Craft Drive, Alamosa  
Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study  
Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - Worship  
**United Methodist**  
**Mosca United Methodist Church**  
538 Barker Street, Mosca  
970-270-3078  
Pastor Steve Dunkel  
Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m.

**Unitarian Universalist**  
**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**  
330 San Juan Ave., Alamosa  
\*North Wing of Alamosa Presbyterian Church  
719-587-5529  
Service & Youth Programs at 10:30 am  
Sunday.  
**Valley Church of the Nazarene**  
Pastor: Chris Yocom  
228 Madison, Monte Vista - (719) 852-5858  
[churchoffice@valleymaz.com](mailto:churchoffice@valleymaz.com)  
Sunday  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes 9 a.m.

**Wednesday**  
Dinner at 6 p.m.  
Small Group Classes at 7 p.m.  
**Thursday**  
Teen Activities (beginning at 6:30 p.m.)  
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719-587-5554  
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**Grace Assurance Ministry**  
Church without Religion  
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Randy Brown - 719-588-7004  
Eric Wolf - 719-480-3977

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# Sports

## Several local track athletes place in multiple events at Sangre meet

**By KEN HAMRICK**  
*Courier sports editor*  
**MOSCA** – Almost all of the San Luis Valley high school track and field programs competed in the Wayne Thomas Memorial Invitational Friday at Sangre de Cristo's stadium.

**Alamosa**  
 Four Alamosa boys were place winners in their events. Kingston Wilcox tied for second in the high jump at 5-2, and Caleb Brown was fourth in the same event at 5-0. Adlai Gardner took fifth in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 53.44 seconds, and Grant Kirkland was sixth in the 800-meter run in 2:35.91.

The Mean Moose were third in the 4x800-meter relay in 10:47.78.

Three Lady Mean Moose athletes placed in their events. Kaylee Gonzales-Moore was second in the 100-meter dash in 13.87, Lily Heersink was second in the 300 hurdles in 53.64 and fourth in the 100 hurdles in 18.88, and Shea Jordan was sixth in the shot put at 22-8 1/2.

**Center**  
 The Vikings were led by Andree Meraz who won the discus at 124-7 and was third in the shot put at 35-8 1/2. One other Center male athlete placed in more than one event as Francisco Villa was fifth in the 1,600 in 5:41.66 and fifth in the 200 at 27.90.

Four more Vikings placed in one event. Timone Dolan was third in the 300 hurdles in 51.35, Yanixan Padilla was third in the 1,600 in 5:35.60, Anjel Palma was fourth in the triple jump at 33-3 1/4, and Caden Ruggles was fourth in the 300 hurdles in 52.55.

Center was fifth in the boys 4x200 in 1:45.31.

Three Lady Vikings were also place winners. Giselle Meraz was fourth in the discus at 76-9, Nayeli Pablo was sixth in the 800 in 3:26.30, and Emiliana Valadez was sixth in the discus at 66-5.

**Del Norte**  
 Two Del Norte boys placed in the 400-meter run. Cruz Matta was second in 59.58 and Corbin

Horrocks was fourth in 1:01.62.

The Tigers won two relays. They won the 800 sprint medley in 1:46.41 and the 4x800 in 9:36.39.

For the Lady Tigers, Timay Garcia was fourth in the 400 in 1:13.31.

**Monte Vista**  
 The Pirates had three placers in boys individual events. Jack Noonan was fourth in the 100 in 12.19, Ismael Medina was sixth in the 100 in 12.33, and John Jake Naranjo tied for sixth in the shot put 30-1.

The Pirates excelled in relay events including wins in the 4x100 in 47.57 and the 4x400 in 4:03.29. They were also second in the 4x200 in 1:39.68 and fourth in the 4x800 in 11:18.43.

Nine Lady Pirates were place winners and were led by Elena Baumgardner who won the triple jump at 28-8 1/4. Two Monte Vista girls placed in more than one event as Hannah Henderhan was second in the discus at 82-7 and second in the shot put at 26-9 1/2, and Lola Mott was fifth in the 400 in 1:14.31 and fifth in the 200 in 33.11.

The remaining Lady Pirates placers included Sasha Dupont who was third in the 100 in 14.43, Madison Henderhan who was third in the shot put at 26-9 1/2, Nayeli Murieta who was third in the triple jump at 28-6 3/4, Daylin Castro who was fifth in the 300 hurdles in 1:01.46, Angeleigha Mora who was fifth in the 100 in 14.72, and Kaliah Stucky who was sixth in the 300 hurdles in 1:11.66.

Monte placed in four girls hurdles. It was second in the 4x100 in 55.94, second in the 4x200 in 2:00.14, second in the 4x400 in 5:22.60, and fourth in the 800 sprint medley in 2:14.02.

**Sanford**  
 Leading the Mustangs was Lincoln Reynolds who won the 100 in 11.48 and the 400 in 54.58.

Also placing for the Sanford boys were Tucker Canty who was third in the 400 in 59.60, and Bryce Keck who was sixth in the 200 in 27.99.

The Mustangs placed in three boys relays. They were third in the 4x100 in 49.75, third in the 800 sprint medley in 1:49.32 and fourth in the 4x200 in 1:44.44.

The Lady Mustangs had two athletes who won more than one event. Holly McDaniel won the 100 hurdles in 17.43, the 300 hurdles in 52.83 and the long jump at 15-3 1/4. Erica Miller on the 400 in 1:05.50 and the 800 in 2:50.69.

Three more Sanford girls placed in two events. Claire Crowther was second in the long jump at 15-1 1/2 and sixth in the 200 in 33.24, Kate McDaniel was fourth in the triple jump at 27-9 1/2 and fifth in the 100 hurdles in 20.02, and Brecken Crowther was fifth in the long jump at 13-2 1/2 and fifth in the triple jump at 25-5 1/2.

Also placing for the Lady Mustangs were Ashley Dominguez who was third in the 200 in 32.99, and Zaidah Najera who was fifth in the 1,600 in 9:04.08.

Sanford placed in four girls relays including a win in the 4x100 in 55.74. It was also second in the 800 sprint medley in 2:00.46, second in the 4x800 in 14:33.19, and third in the 4x200 in 2:05.55.

**Sangre de Cristo**  
 Three Thunderbirds placed in more than one event. Brody Artaechevarria was second in the 800 in 2:28.62, fifth in the 400 in 1:02.10 and fifth in the triple jump at 32-10. Anthony Trujillo was third in the 100 in 12.12 and third in the 200 in 27.14. William Wilson was sixth in the 1,600 in 5:44.84 and sixth in the 400 in 1:02.64.

Also placing for the Sangre boys were Hayden Cleve who was third in the triple jump at 33-11, and Juan Garcia who was fourth in the 800 in 2:32.33.

The Thunderbirds were also second in the 4x800 in 10:13.34.

Only one Lady Thunderbird placed as Taylor Freel was third in



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick  
**Above: Sanford High School's Holly McDaniel (right) clears the final hurdle in the 100-meter hurdles at the Wayne Thomas Memorial Invitational while Sargent's Bailey Asbell trails. McDaniel won three events. Right: Sanford's Lincoln Reynolds (right) heads to the finish line aside Monte Vista's Jack Noonan in the 100-meter dash. Reynolds won two events.**



the discus at 82-0 and fifth in the shot put at 22-11 3/4.

**Sargent**  
 One Farmer placed for the Sargent boys. Westen Burkhart was second in the 300 hurdles in 49.44, third in the 800 in 2:29.32 and fourth in the long jump at 16-4 1/4.

Three Lady Farmers placed in multiple events. Silva Daugherty was second in the 200 in 32.76 and sixth in the 400 in 1:14.75. Bailey Asbell was third in the 100 hurdles in 17.89, third in the 300 hurdles in 56.82, third in

the high jump at 4-2 and third in the long jump at 13-10 1/2. Madeline Mitchell was third in the 400 in 1:11.68, sixth in the 100 in 14.81 and sixth in the long jump at 11-10 1/2.

Sargent's only other placer was Kaylee Ann Martinez who was third in the 1,600 in 7:20.44.

**Sierra Grande**  
 The Panthers were led by Nehemiah Wilson who won the high jump at 5-6, and Ayden Lopez who tied for second in the high jump at 5-2 and fifth in the long jump at 16-4.

Sierra Grande was also fifth in the boys 4x100 in 57.45.

## Sports Bulletin

Follow sports editor Ken Hamrick on X. His handle is @KenHamrick1.

**SCOREBOARD THURSDAY**  
**College men's lacrosse**  
 Westminster (Utah) 20, Adams State 6

**FRIDAY**  
**Prep baseball**  
 Dolores Huerta 15, Antonito 0, 4 inn.  
 Antonito at Dolores Huerta - no report  
 Centennial at Sanford (2) - no report  
 La Junta 5, Alamosa 4

Sterling 13, Alamosa 3, 6 inn.  
 Swink 21, Centauri 0, 3 inn.  
**College women's softball**  
 Metropolitan State-Denver 13, Adams State 5, 5 inn.  
 Metropolitan State-Denver 38, Adams State 16

**SATURDAY**  
**Prep baseball**  
 Alamosa vs. Trinidad (Jim Sullivan Invitational at La Junta), 11 a.m.  
 Del Norte at Ignacio (2), 11 a.m.

Rocky Ford at Centauri, 11 a.m.

Sargent at Monte Vista (2), 11 a.m.

Sierra Grande at Cotopaxi (2), 1 p.m.

**Prep girls soccer**  
 Trinidad at Del Norte, 11 a.m.

Harrison at Alamosa, 1 p.m.

**Prep track and field**  
 Centauri, Del Norte, Sargent at Pine River Invitational (at Bayfield), 9 a.m.

Sangre de Cristo at Salida Invitational, 9 a.m.

**College men's lacrosse**  
 Adams State at Colorado Mesa, noon

**College outdoor track and field**  
 Adams State at Stanford Invitational, TBA

**MONDAY**  
**Prep baseball**  
 Centauri at Walsenburg, 3 p.m.

**TUESDAY**  
**Prep baseball**  
 Alamosa at Gunnison, 3 p.m.

Center at Sanford (2), 3 p.m.

Centauri JV at Sierra Grande, 4:30 p.m.

Centennial at Custer County, 4:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**College men's lacrosse**  
 Concordia-Irvine at Adams State, 3 p.m.

**THURSDAY**  
**Prep girls soccer**  
 Ignacio at Del Norte, 4:30 p.m.

**College outdoor track and field**  
 Adams State at Jo Meaker Classic and Multi (at Canyon, Texas), TBA

**FRIDAY**  
**Prep baseball**  
 Manzanola at Sierra Grande (2), 4:30 p.m.

Antonito, Branson/Kim at La Veta, TBA

Monte Vista at Buena Vista Invitational, TBA

**Prep girls golf**  
 Monte Vista at Swink Invitational (at La Junta), 9 a.m.

**Prep girls soccer**  
 Alamosa at Pagosa Springs, 4 p.m.

**Prep track and field**  
 Sangre de Cristo, Sierra Grande at Ray Headley Invitational (at Swink), 9 a.m.

**College baseball**  
 Adams State at Colorado School of Mines, 6 p.m.

**College women's softball**  
 Adams State at Colorado-Colorado Springs (2), noon

**College outdoor track and field**  
 Adams State at Jo Meaker Classic and Multi (at Canyon, Texas), TBA

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# Lifestyle

## First Click It or Ticket enforcement period of 2024 begins Monday

By COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATEWIDE — Starting April 1, the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and 36 local law enforcement agencies throughout Colorado will begin the first seat belt enforcement period of 2024. The Click It or Ticket enforcement campaign will run through April 14. Click It or Ticket is a national high-visibility enforcement campaign centered on the conse-

quences of not wearing a seat belt. During the two-week period, law enforcement will be increasing patrols and focusing on issuing citations to drivers not wearing a seat belt. "We can't stress this enough: wearing a seat belt dramatically improves the chances that you will survive a car crash," said Matthew C. Packard, chief of the CSP. "In 2023, 81% of occupants who survived fatal crashes in Colorado were wearing a seat belt. By comparison, only 19%

of the unbuckled occupants survived." Colorado's seat belt use rate has improved in recent years — up nearly 2% from 2022. As of 2023, 88% of Coloradans buckle up — the highest use rate observed in the past 10 years, according to the Colorado Statewide Seat Belt Survey. Colorado also saw improvements last year in unbuckled fatalities. In 2023, there were 223 unbuckled vehicle occupant fatalities, an 8% decrease from 2022. Arapahoe County had

the highest seat belt use rate in 2023, with 98% of drivers buckling up. The lowest seat belt use rate was in Jefferson County at 73.5%. Statewide, Colorado's seat belt use rate still sits several points below the national average of 92% — something CDOT and law enforcement are working to change through programs like Click It or Ticket and calling on individuals and communities to take responsibility for their own safety. "It's encouraging to

see these positive trends across our state," said CDOT's Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Lingk. "Wearing a seat belt is truly one of the easiest things you can do to protect yourself. You can't always control what happens on the road, but you can control your odds of being seriously injured or killed in a crash by wearing a seat belt." Wearing a seat belt reduces the risk of severe injury or death by up to 65%, according to The National Highway Traf-

fic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Colorado law requires the driver and every front seat passenger of a motor vehicle and the driver and every passenger in an autocycle equipped with a safety belt system to wear a seat belt whenever the vehicle is in operation on a street or highway. Fines for not buckling up in Colorado start at \$65, and parents or caregivers caught with an improperly restrained child can receive a minimum fine of \$82.

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 sam@burnhamlaw.com  
 Case No.: 2022CV30010  
 Division: C  
**NOTICE OF LEVY**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on October 25, 2023, a Writ of Execution was issued out of the District Court for the County of Conejos directing the Sheriff of the County of Conejos, State of Colorado, to levy upon and seize certain property of Darlene Letey, the above named Defendant, and the Sheriff of the County of Conejos did levy upon, seize and take into possession the following described property:  
 Lot 3, Block 12, Manaassa Parcel No. 2, County of Conejos, State of Colorado  
 Now, therefore, you Darlene Letey, Defendant, take notice, that within fourteen (14) days from the date of service hereof, exclusive of the day of service, if served within this state, or if served by publication, you may make and file with the Clerk of the above-entitled court a written claim of any exemption which you may have under the statutes of the State of Colorado; and in case of your failure to make and file such written claim of exemption with the Clerk of said Court you shall be deemed to have waived your right of exemption under the statutes of this state.  
 Witness, Garth Crowther, Sheriff of Conejos County, Colorado, this 30 day of November, 2023.  
**GARTH CROWTHER CONEJOS COUNTY SHERIFF**  
 By: /s/ No. 3844.  
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### 173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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### 221 - HELP WANTED

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**SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL DISTRICT** has the following positions available for the 2024-2025 school year: **HS GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH & FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR.** Please visit our website [www.sangreschools.org](http://www.sangreschools.org) to apply. If you have any questions, please call 719-420-1422. (4/19/24)

**DATA ANALYST - LA PUENTE HOME INC.,** seeks a Data Analyst for its Adelante Family Resource Center Program. This position is responsible for overseeing Adelante's Data Systems and reporting frameworks to ensure the timely and accurate recording of data, transforming raw data into structured information and reports, and supervising performance and quality assurance processes to pinpoint areas for enhancement. Other duties include training new staff and providing ongoing data entry support to program staff, overseeing the Working Together program reporting requirements, and implementation of team meetings. Salary \$37,800 to \$40,000, DOE. Submit resumes and cover letters to HR@lapuente.net. Resumes without phone numbers and an email will not be considered. (4/19/24)

**CITY OF MONTE VISTA** is accepting applications for **KIDS CONNECTION SUMMER PROGRAM LEADERS.** Duties include, planning, scheduling, and implementing youth program activities. \$15 per hour. Job Description and applications are available at <http://www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov> or City of Monte Vista, Human Resources, 95 West First Ave, Monte Vista, Co. 81144. (5/1/24)

**RIO GRANDE HOSPITAL** an opening for an **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT;** Manage the CEOs calendar, including making appointments, arranging appointments as necessary and needed, and prioritizing the most sensitive matters. Present highly professional and warm image to staff, public, and clients. organizing meetings, scheduling, sending reminders, organizing catering (when necessary), agenda preparation, meeting minutes, maintaining integrated files. Responsible for ensuring that Rio Grande Hospital providers are fully compliant with all state and federal regulations. Must also ensure that every member of medical staff is legally licensed and/or credentialed and up to date with the latest medical policies and procedures. Monitor license and credential expiration dates and advise staff members of required renew. RGH is an EOE, complete an application online at <http://riograndehospital.org> under CONTACT, EMPLOYMENT. Additional questions: Call Paula Pacheco email [paupal@riograndehospital.net](mailto:paupal@riograndehospital.net) or call 719-657-4111. (4/17/24)

**NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is accepting applications for (1) **CENTAURI HIGH SCHOOL HEAD GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH** and (1) **CHS HEAD CROSS COUNTRY COACH.** Application can be downloaded at [www.northconejos.com](http://www.northconejos.com) or may be picked up at the administration office, 17887 US Hwy 285, LA JARA, CO, 719-274-5174. For questions call Jesse Shawcroft at 719-274-5178. Submit application to Mr. Darren Edgar, Superintendent. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/6/24)

### 221 - HELP WANTED

**LOOKING FOR YEAR-ROUND HELP ON POTATO GRAIN FARM,** starting immediately, contact 719-850-2137. Must have experience around machinery and farming practices. (5/1/24)

**ALAMOSA COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE** is seeking a **DATA ENTRY CLERK.** This job requires data entry skills and working knowledge of the Assessor's Office to ensure accurate property data is generated to maintain complex records. Responsibilities include: Working independently or in a team setting, entering deed transfers (land splits/combination and replats of parcels into database), entering address changes into the computer system, answering phones and assisting the public at the front counter, coping maps, daily mail runs, participating in professional training, and perform all other duties as required by the County Assessor. \$17.00-\$19.00 per hour, full time, full benefits. Background check and drug screening required. Applications may be obtained online at [www.alamosacounty.org](http://www.alamosacounty.org). Inquiries may be directed to [humanresources@alamosacounty.org](mailto:humanresources@alamosacounty.org). (4/6/24)

**HEAD JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL COACH** needed at **DEL NORTE JR. HIGH SCHOOL.** Experience as a coach or assistant coach at the **MIDDLE SCHOOL** and/or **HIGH SCHOOL** level is preferred. Must possess: effective coaching techniques and a thorough knowledge of the rules of the sport; and have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with school administrators, parents, and students. Please contact Gibbs Sanchez, Athletic Director, at: [gsanchez@urtigers.co](mailto:gsanchez@urtigers.co) 719-657-4020; or Annie Hardy, Principal, at: [ahardy@urtigers.co](mailto:ahardy@urtigers.co) 719-657-4020. (5/1/24)

**CAFETERIA STAFF NEEDED** at **UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT.** Must have a high school diploma and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or a willingness to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at 719-657-4040, x1100 or email her at [lmartinez@urtigers.co](mailto:lmartinez@urtigers.co). (5/1/24)

**SUBSTITUTES TEACHERS NEEDED** at the **UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT** in **DEL NORTE!** Call or email: Sophia at 719-657-4040, x4000 ([scrutz@urtigers.co](mailto:scrutz@urtigers.co)) for more information, go on-line: [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co), or stop by the district office at: 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO to pick up an application. You do not have to hold a college degree or be a certified teacher to substitute; however, you must be a high school graduate and have a substitute license from CDE (Colorado Department of Education). (5/1/24)

**CSU-SAN LUIS VALLEY RESEARCH CENTER** is seeking temporary hourly employees to work M-F 8:00am to 4:30pm, 30 to 40 hours per week. Aids in the preparation of research field experiments and crops. Provides planting, irrigating, cultivating, harvesting, storing crops and various tasks important to the research initiatives at this station. Please apply at <https://jobs.colostate.edu/postings/141377> or contact Sharon at (719) 754-3594 x17. (4/17/24)

**TOWN OF HOOPER** is accepting applications for the **PARK AND TOWN MAINTENANCE POSITION.** Job begins in April - September, up to 30 hours per month. The job duties include maintaining park, maintaining mowing equipment etc. and town weed control and various other duties. Job description available upon request. Send resume or letter of interest including experience, to PO Box 1, Hooper, CO 81136 or [tclerk.hooper@gmail.com](mailto:tclerk.hooper@gmail.com), include in the subject line, Hooper Maintenance Position. For more information call 719-937-3683. Application deadline, April 15, 2024. (4/6/24)

### 221 - HELP WANTED

**POOLE CHEMICAL SEASONAL TRUCK DRIVER:** Now-August, (local deliveries). Must have a CDL Class A and pass drug screen. Apply in Person 2060 S. Rd. 5E, MONTE VISTA. (4/17/24)

**LA PUENTE IS** seeking a self-starting individual for the position of **EMPLOYMENT NAVIGATOR** as the front line worker in our Employment Readiness program. This program engages clients experiencing barriers to employment to support their journey from unemployed or underemployed to stability and independence. The Navigator will work with La Puente's Shelter, Street Outreach, and Adelante programs, as well as local employers and employment programs to help clients overcome barriers and obtain employment. The Navigator also works to build trust, conduct assessments, make referrals, identify resources, and collect data. Ability to problem-solve and collaborate with other agencies is a must. 36k-40k DOE. Send resume: La Puente, P.O. Box 1235, ALAMOSA, CO 81011, 719 589-5909. [www.lapuente.net](http://www.lapuente.net) Email: [hr@lapuente.net](mailto:hr@lapuente.net). (4/17/24)

**POTATO WAREHOUSE IN CENTER** IN NEED OF WORKERS. There are SEVERAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE. Hours 8:00 am-???. Competitive wages. Please inquire at **MOUNTAIN KING SPUD GROWERS**, 1090 South Miles Street, Center, CO. (5/1/24)

**SHIPPING CLERK NEEDED** for a **POTATO WAREHOUSE** in **CENTER, CO.** Hours are generally 8am-6pm Monday thru Friday, and possibly a few hours Saturday mornings. **FAMOUS** software experience and knowledge a must. Salary is negotiable. Please inquire at **MOUNTAIN KING SPUD GROWERS**, 1090 South Miles Street, Center, CO or email resume or application to [tluna@mtkng.com](mailto:tluna@mtkng.com). (5/1/24)

**CAPULINDITCHCO.** is looking for a **DITCH RIDER** for the 2024 season- approx. Mid April through September. Pay is a set amount per day worked. For more information please contact Joseph Valdez at: 719-274-5109 (La Jara Pharm.) Or 719-588-2585. (4/6/24)

**DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER** needed at the **URGSD.** We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at [aduda@urtigers.co](mailto:aduda@urtigers.co) or contact Amy at 719-657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co). (4/30/24)

**ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY** is hiring a **DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL PROJECTS** for our **EXTENDED STUDIES PROGRAM.** This is a twelve-month exempt, at-will, full-time position with the primary responsibility of managing the enrollment, development and delivery of PreK-12 professional development, concurrent enrollment opportunities for high school students, professional development for private sector and other special projects as assigned. This individual will work collaboratively with Extended Studies staff, ASU staff, external stakeholders/clients, and staff of other educational institutions to support the delivery of quality off-campus programs. The position will provide high levels of customer care and relevant, timely and innovative solutions to students and stakeholders. Travel is required and the position will represent Adams State University at various meetings, conferences, and workshops. Apply here <https://adams.wdfl.myworkdayjobs.com/ASU> or contact Renee Haslett [rhaslett@adams.edu](mailto:rhaslett@adams.edu) 719-587-8144 for more information. (4/5/24)



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**221 - HELP WANTED**

**STEFFENS QUALITY PLUMBING & HEATING** is looking for a LICENSED PLUMBER/HEATING TECHNICIAN. We offer an amazing benefit package with 401(k), paid vacation, and holidays. Licensed/experienced persons only. Please send resumé or job experience to [alamosaplumber@gmail.com](mailto:alamosaplumber@gmail.com). Or call 719-589-0257. (4/16/24)

**HELP WANTED: SOMEONE TO CLEAN the TOWN HALL OFFICE. MUSEUM HELP.** Must be 16 yrs of age or older for museum, must have some knowledge of Jack Dempsey history. Also, CHIEF OF POLICE & POLICE OFFICER. Please pick up application at the Town Hall office during business hours. (4/8/24)

**HOME HEALTH AIDE** for individual needed near LA JARA. CNA helpful but not required, on the job training. Good pay, flexible hours, must pass background check. Call or Text 719-580-9633. (4/26/24)

**LOCAL DRIVER - METZ POTATO COMPANY** is looking for a year-round full-time POTATO TRUCK DRIVER who will be responsible for loading and unloading trucks along with stacking or other duties in the warehouse. Wage of \$14.42-16/hr plus potential to earn bonus annually. Overtime eligible. Simple IRA matching after 6 months. Must have a valid driver's license and clean MVR. Applications can be completed at 971 E County Rd 6 N, MONTE VISTA. (4/10/24)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

**DEL NORTE BANK** is seeking a candidate to fill a Seasonal position for a TELLER at our CREEDE BRANCH. Duties will be to accept deposits, loan payments, and process withdrawals while maintaining a balanced cash drawer. Must be personable and pleasant answering the phone and greeting customers. Many other duties will be assigned as needed. The position is seasonal, full time with a hourly range of \$14.42 to \$17.00. Please send your resume or application to [postmaster@truelocalbank.com](mailto:postmaster@truelocalbank.com) by April 12, 2024. Application is available at [TruelocalBank.com/careers](http://TruelocalBank.com/careers) or call 719-657-3376 and ask for Dawn. EOE. (4/12/24)

**SKYLINE POTATO CO.** in CENTER, CO is looking for a SHIPPING CLERK/ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR for their bulk division. Applicants must be Bilingual (English/Spanish) and capable of using Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word and able to learn other computer/shipping programs. Work week consists of Monday-Friday and some Saturdays. Responsibilities will be the following: Weigh in and out incoming trucks, ship out trucks with outgoing product and produce paperwork for the truck, coordinate incoming and outgoing trucks with supervisor and shipping/loading crew, help supervise employees. For an application please contact Margaret Limon @ 719-754-2043. (4/30/24)

**221 - HELP WANTED**

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**ARE YOU PASSIONATE** about making a positive impact on people's lives? SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT is currently accepting applications for BEHAVIOR HEALTH COUNSELOR/MTSS COORDINATOR for the 2024-2025 School Year. Our school has a reputation as being a great place to work. We currently have a state of the art facility, supportive administration, paid health insurance, free lunches, 4 day school week. A current license/state certification in counseling is highly recommended to apply. Application forms are located at 17523 Hwy 160 BLANCA, CO. 81123 or on the district's website at [www.sierragrandeschool.net](http://www.sierragrandeschool.net). Applications may be submitted electronically to Mr. Kevin Jones at [kjones@sierragrandeschool.net](mailto:kjones@sierragrandeschool.net) or Mrs. Maria Atencio at [matencio@sierragrandeschool.net](mailto:matencio@sierragrandeschool.net), or can be turned in at the district office. For more information please contact the district office at 719-379-3259. (4/5/24)

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**SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL DISTRICT** is looking for a **MUSIC TEACHER** for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information and to download an application please see our website at [sangreschools.org](http://sangreschools.org). (4/5/24)

**SDEC SCHOOL DISTRICT** is seeking a **HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL COACH** for the 2024 fall season. Applicants must have **CHSAA** certification or have a **CDE** teaching license. Applications may be picked up at the school office: 8751 Lane 7 North in **MOSCA, CO.** For more information, contact **David Mejia** at 719-378-2321 or 719-677-8217. (4/3/24)

**SOUTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT** is seeking a **SECONDARY SCIENCE TEACHER** for the 24-25 school year. Applicants must possess a **Colorado Teaching License** or be eligible to apply for one. Salary schedules are available on the district website. Please submit a district application, resume, cover letter, and transcripts at <https://www.southconejosschools.com/page/how-to-apply>. (4/2/24)

**1/2 TIME TIGER CONNECTION COACH** (attendance & family connection) needed at **DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**. This will be a 2-year part time classified position paid for with the **Stronger Connections Grant**. For more information please contact **Principal Amy Duda** at 719-657-4050 or [ada@urtigers.co](mailto:ada@urtigers.co). Applications may be picked up at the District Office or online at: [urtigers.co](http://urtigers.co). (4/17/24)

**JR. HIGH CHEER COACH** needed at **DEL NORTE JR. HIGH SCHOOL**. Experience as a coach is preferred. Please contact **Gilbert "Gibbs" Sanchez**, Athletic Director, at: [gsanchez@urtigers.co](mailto:gsanchez@urtigers.co), 719-657-4020; or **Annie Hardy**, Principal, at: [ahardy@urtigers.co](mailto:ahardy@urtigers.co), 719-657-4020. Applications may be found on our website; [www.urtigers.co](http://www.urtigers.co). (4/17/24)

## 221 - HELP WANTED

**ALAMOSA MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT** is now hiring for **SEASONAL STAFF**. Please go to their website [www.mosquitobytes.org](http://www.mosquitobytes.org). Click on **EMPLOYMENT** for job descriptions and applications. Alamosa Mosquito Control District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Must be 18+ to apply. (4/3/24)

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# Comics

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### NEA Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bit of dust
  - 5 Place
  - 8 Celebration
  - 12 E pluribus
  - 13 "— you for real?"
  - 14 Funny fellow
  - 15 Like a bedroom community
  - 17 Passage into a mine
  - 18 Sibilant letter
  - 19 Arm bone
  - 20 Numerous
  - 21 Oils ceremonially
  - 23 Fiery gem
  - 26 PIN
  - 27 Astern
  - 30 Unyielding
  - 32 Debate
  - 34 Singer — Bryant
  - 35 Adjustable loop
  - 36 Astral lion
  - 37 — Vegas
  - 40 Matures
- DOWN**
- 1 Ponder
  - 2 Burden
  - 3 Clumsy
  - 4 Down Under bird
  - 5 Painter — Picasso
  - 6 Astronomy
  - 7 Leaseholder
  - 8 Metric units

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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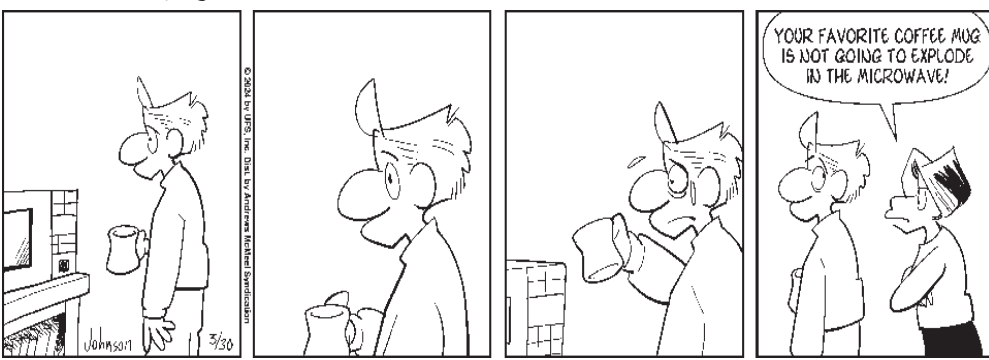
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- 16 Be in charge of
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- 23 Preacher — Roberts
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- 27 Eager
- 28 Firecracker part
- 29 Pipe fittings
- 31 Valley
- 33 "— to Perdition"
- 38 Took a leisurely walk
- 39 Comfort
- 41 "Lorna —"
- 42 Donut shape
- 43 Faberge creation
- 44 Sweeping story
- 45 Wander
- 46 Cheerful
- 48 Old Russian monarch
- 49 "Woe —!"
- 50 Earthy fuel
- 53 Santa's helper

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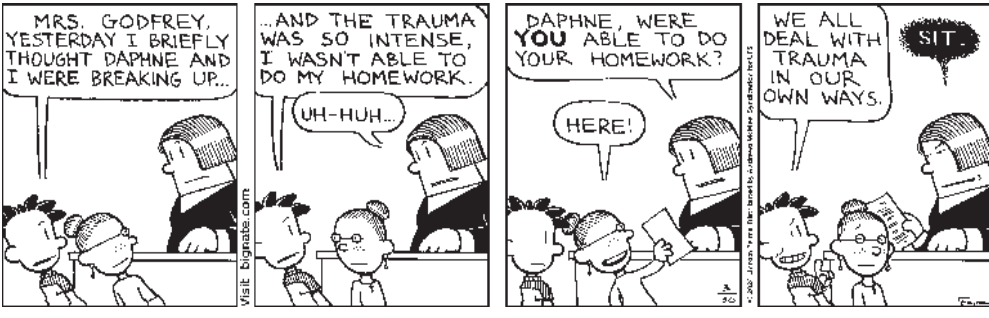
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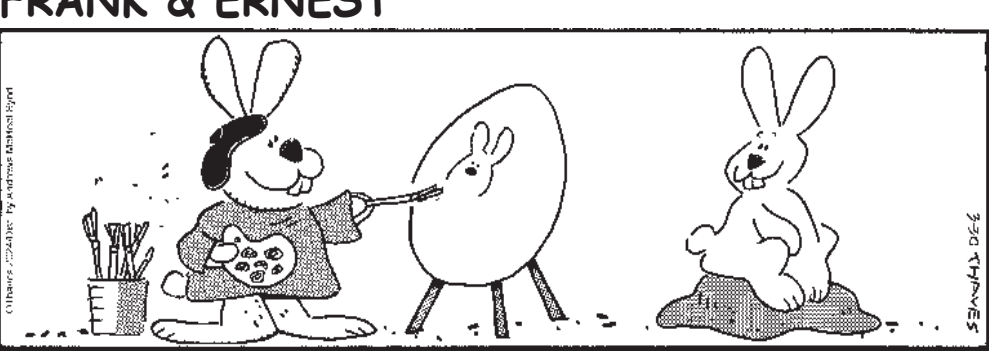
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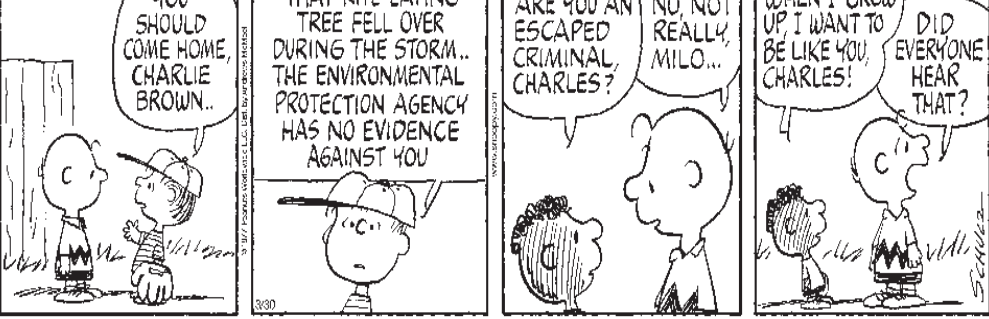
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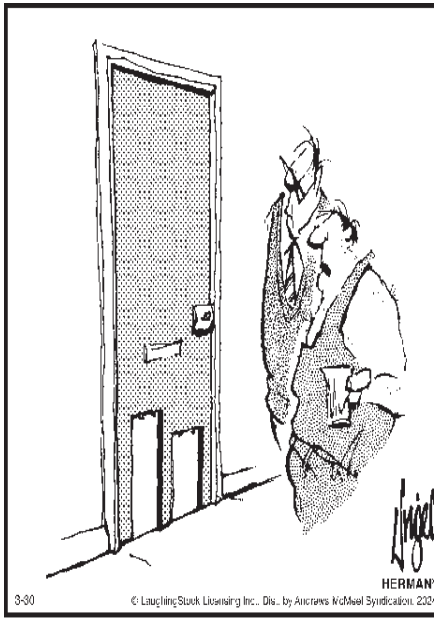
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**HOW TO PLAY:**  
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

## HERMAN



# Daughter's patience with mom has finally run out

DEAR ABBY: I am a 30-year-old woman who can't seem to forgive my mother. For many years I have felt that she doesn't like me. Every time I have tried to talk to her about it, she has done the old switcheroo and accused me of being ungrateful and uncaring. The day my horse died she excluded me, and then called an hour later to tell me she had put my mare down.

I am at the point that I no longer want to be around her because, in her eyes, I can't do anything right. I feel like any invitation from her is fake or last-minute, especially for family gatherings.

This leads me to the subject of my wedding: My fiance and I agree we don't want her there because of how she has treated not only me, but him as well. We sent out the invitations and invited my dad, who is my hero. So, guess who now has hurt feelings? NOW she wants to talk to me.

Abby, I do not want to talk to her unless my fiance's mom, "Shelley," is there as a buffer. Mom won't talk like she usually does to me if Shelley is there. I'm not comfortable seeing or talking to Mom alone, which I have expressed. The problem is, this hurts my dad, which hurts me, too. How do I make nice without dis-

respecting myself in the process? -- IN A MESS IN MONTANA

DEAR MESS: How much "nice" do you want to make with your mother? Are you willing to invite her to the wedding when you see her (with Shelley)? If your parents are still together, do you expect your father to show up without her? I doubt that's likely to happen. You have some grown-up decisions to make regarding your special day. Bite the bullet. Invite your mother and, if necessary, seat your parents in "Siberia." After that day, you will not be obligated to see or speak to her again.

DEAR ABBY: After 30 years, I'm considering filing for divorce. My husband has always had anger problems, which I've put up with all this time. I'm not sure I want to go on dealing with this issue for the rest of my life. What stopped me before was our two children. I was afraid to be a single mother because my mom was a widow with four children, and I saw what she went through financially and emotionally without a husband.

Now that my children are grown and on their own, there's nothing stopping me but fear of not being able to support myself. My husband makes more than I do, and I have bills



## ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

I need to pay. If I rent an apartment, I'm not sure I can swing it. I know the first step is to find a lawyer and discuss my options, but I'm afraid my husband will beg me to stay, which he has done in the past. Please help me decide what to do. -- MAYBE READY TO GO IN INDIANA

DEAR MAYBE READY: I'm glad to offer you a suggestion. Talk to an attorney now and find out what your options may be if you don't stay with an abusive, bad-tempered husband. Once you know where you stand, you can then decide whether your husband's begging is enough incentive to spend the rest of your life being treated the way he has treated you.

# Lifestyle

## Colorado lawmakers reject proposed ban on new oil and gas drilling after 2030

By MARK JAFFE  
*The Colorado Sun*

A bill to ban new oil and gas drilling in Colorado after 2030 — which sparked a spate of industry TV ads with dire warnings — was rejected Thursday by a bipartisan majority of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee after a marathon hearing.

The legislation, Senate Bill 159 — sponsored by two Democratic senators, Kevin Priola, of Henderson, and Sonya Jaquez Lewis, of Boulder County — would have required state oil and gas regulators to stop issuing new drilling permits starting in 2030, with those permits to be used by 2032.

Faced with projections of potentially severe impacts of climate change and the Front Range's continuing struggles to curb ozone pollution, the bill was a necessary step to transition to cleaner energy, Priola said.

In an attempt to deal with the growing risk of wells being abandoned, or orphaned, as small companies go out of business, the legislation also included a section giving the state the power to go after former owners of the wells for cleanup costs.

The bill, however, faced pushback at the hearing from the industry, local and country governments, which depended upon severance taxes to fund schools and services, business groups, such as the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce, and individuals, many of whom live and work in oil and gas areas.

API-Colorado, an industry trade group, had run TV ads prior to the hearing calling the legislation "extreme" and saying it could jeopardize school funding and 300,000 jobs. About 50,000 people work directly in the Colorado oil and gas industry.

The Energy and Carbon Management Commission, which oversees oil and gas activities, also opposed the bill.

"The state is concerned that cutting supply rather than reducing demand will hurt low-income consumers, rather than cutting emissions," Julie Murphy, ECOM executive director testified. She said the commission was concerned about "unintended consequences."

The bill did draw support from a wide range of environmental and grassroots groups and some public officials. In all, more than 200 people testified over nine hours.

The fiscal note for the bill estimated a loss to the state of \$305 million in revenue annually by 2035, primarily in severance taxes and lease funds. Those taxes make up a significant portion of local funding for schools, fire districts and other services.

Rio Blanco Commissioner Jennifer O'Hearon testified that her county is already set to lose 36% of gross domestic product with the closure of coal-fired power plants and mines by 2030.

Shutting down oil and gas operations would wipe out most of the rest

of the county's GDP, she said.

While hearing testimony focused on the costs of the legislation to the oil and gas industry and to school funding, Priola said there was little discussion of the costs of climate change to other economic sectors, such as the ski industry, which is facing reduced days of operation, and agriculture, struggling with a 20-year drought.

Before a final vote, amendments were added that in effect gutted the legislation, one removing the cap on permits and allowing continuing operations as long as those operations led to a net zero emissions by 2030.

Another limited the liability for the cleanup and plugging of oil and gas wells to their last owner. Even with those changes the bill could not muster a majority.

Sen. Dylan Roberts, an Eagle County Democrat and chairman of the committee, and Sen. Janice Marchman, a Loveland Democrat, voted with the committee's three Republicans to defeat the bill.

Marchman said the bill needed reworking and more collaboration with stakeholders. "You get what you get and this is what we've got," she

said. "As introduced, this bill is a problem for me."

The bill clearly will reduce funding for schools, but has no plans for how that gap will be back-filled, Marchman said, calling it "shortsighted and irresponsible."

Roberts represents Craig and Hayden, which are seeing coal-fired power plants and mines close, as well as Rio Blanco County. All are already facing "a hard cutoff of energy production with a significant loss of revenue," he said.

"I acknowledge climate change is a threat to our state but this is not the right way to solve that problem," Roberts said.

After the hearing, Dan Haley, the president of the Colorado Oil and Gas Association, a trade group, issued a statement calling the vote "a win for our state, for the environment and for common sense."

"It seems the deck was stacked against this bill from the beginning," Mike Foote, an attorney who represented the environmental group 350 Colorado, said. "The message seemed to be that the bill should die. Everyone knew it was going to be an uphill battle when it was assigned to the Agriculture and Energy Committee."

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